



*City of* **GREENSBORO** *North Carolina*

# Enhanced Tree Canopy Management and Replanting Program Recommendations

**Adopted by Tree Ordinance Review Committee on  
April 4, 2013**





## **Work Team Beliefs:**

- Work Team continues to believe the protection and promotion of Greensboro's tree canopy is vitally important
- Work Team continues to believe the City should explore options to partner with the community and private sector to develop a more robust tree replanting program and options (to both respond to tree removals associated with utility vegetative management work as well to respond issues of tree canopy decline – new development, other removals, natural, etc.)
- Work Team does not believe the proposed Utility Vegetative Management Ordinance is appropriate location for this item to be addressed



## Work Team Recommendations:

- **Conduct/Update Tree Canopy Study (Fall 2013)** – Estimated cost \$50k - \$75k
  - Purpose to identify Greensboro Tree Canopy coverage
  - Last study 2009 (38% coverage) – Comparable with other Cities of our size
  
- **Conduct Tree Inventory (Spring 2014)** – Estimated cost – TBD
  - Purpose to identify specific tree species and characteristics and, to identify available planting sites and appropriate species for those sites
  - Public right of ways and properties
  
- **Use the results of the tree canopy study and tree inventory to better manage Greensboro's tree canopy and needs**



## Work Team Recommendations (continued):

- Partner with Greensboro Beautiful and Private Sector to **develop and implement an enhanced tree replanting program (Fall 2013)** – Estimated cost – TBD
  - Elements:
    - Implement property owner tree request program through Greensboro Beautiful (Focus on “Right Tree – Right Place” concept and work with property owners in locating new trees)
    - Use local Landscape Architects to help develop street replanting plans in areas affected by vegetative management activities
    - Request Greensboro Beautiful to assist with overall program management (handle property owner requests, coordinate replanting plan development, assist with purchase of new trees, and work with property owners/neighborhoods/City on replanting efforts)
    - Best time to plant/re-plant trees – October – December



## **Requested Committee Action:**

- **Work Team request Committee endorsement of all tree re-planting recommendations for full Council consideration**